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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ATTENDANCE AFL-CIO CONVENTION BY  
FINNISH LABOR LEADER AFTER PSI CONGRESS

REFERENCE: HELSINKI 2437

1. AFL-CIO HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HAVING SUCCESSOR TO  
KTV CHAIRMAN JAAKO RIIKONEN ATTEND AFL-CIO CONVENTION AT  
MIAMI BEACH OCTOBER 18-25. SINCE RIIKONEN'S SUCCESSOR WILL  
PRESUMABLY BE KNOWN ON OCTOBER TWO PER PARA TWO REFTTEL,  
EMBASSY MAY WISH TO APPROACH NEW CHAIRMAN TO INFORM HIM OF  
AFL-CIO INTEREST IN HIS ATTENDANCE AT THEIR CONVENTION  
FOLLOWING PSI CONGRESS. HE COULD JOIN OTHER FOREIGN LABOR  
LEADERS WHO WILL BE LEAVING WASHINGTON MORNING OF OCTOBER  
13, FOLLOWING PRE-CONVENTION PROGRAM, TO ARRIVE MIAMI  
OCTOBER 17 VIA VISITS WILLIAMSBURG, ORLANDO AND CAPE  
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2. WE REALIZE FINNAIR PACKAGE TOUR ARRANGEMENT MAY CAUSE COMPLICATIONS BUT HOPE NEW KTV CHAIRMAN CAN STAY ON FOR LABOR CONVENTION. IF AGREEABLE TO CHAIRMAN AND TO EMBASSY, DEPARTMENT PREPARED TO ISSUE PARTIAL GRANT COVERING PER DIEM AND DOMESTIC TRANSPORTATION ONLY, PICKING HIM UP AS GRANTEE AFTER PSI CONGRESS AND KEEPING HIM IN IV STATUS FOR DURATION AFL-CIO CONGRESS, POSSIBLY LONGER IF EMBASSY SO RECOMMENDS AND GRANTEE WILLING. GRANT COSTS WOULD BE CHARGEABLE TO POST IV ALLOCATION. PLEASE ADVISE.

3. FOR RIIKONEN THERE MAY BE PROBLEMS IN MEETING AFL-CIO OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON AFTER PSI CONGRESS AS MOST WILL HAVE LEFT TOWN FOR CONVENTION. SUGGEST HE CALL ERNEST LEE, INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT AFL-CIO, 202-637-5053, FROM NYC TO SEE IF MEETINGS POSSIBLE FOR OCTOBER 11, ONLY DAY FEASIBLE FOR AFL-CIO DURING WEEK OF PSI CONGRESS. OTHERWISE RIIKONEN WOULD HAVE TO GO TO MIAMI BEACH TO HAVE USEFUL TALKS. AFL-CIO PREPARED TO ACCOMMODATE HIM AT CONVENTION, BUT WHETHER TO OFFER RIIKONEN AS WELL AS NEW CHAIRMAN A PARTIAL GRANT (ABOUT \$600 IF HE STAYS DURATION OF MIAMI CONVENTION) WOULD BE UP TO POST. KISSINGER

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